

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Lee for her courteous and congenial telephone interview with Applicants' representative on February 13, 2007.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 4, 7 and 8 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Claims 1, 4, 7 and 8 are amended to recite the color formers consist of non-deuterated color formers. The specification at page 9, lines 10-16 lists the non-deuterated color formers as recited in the present claims.

Claim 4 is also amended in line three to correct a typographical error. The term "of" should read -- or --.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the present Final Rejection; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. 5,744,280 to Mooney, III et al. in view of U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta and further in view of U.S. 6,835,789 to Kneafsey et al., U.S. 2002/0028404 to Nakamura and JP 9-34110 Abstract (Nakayama). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

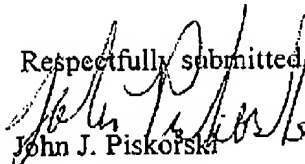
Independent claims 1, 4, 7 and 8 are amended to recite that the color formers in the compositions are all non-deuterated as suggested in the final Rejection at page 3. Accordingly, the present claims are patentable over the applied documents.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. 5,744,280 to Mooney, III et al., in view of U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta with U.S. 6,835,789 to Kneafsey et al., U.S. 2002/0028404 to Nakamura and JP 9-34110 Abstract (Nakayama).

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response or this application, or should she believe this application is for any reason not yet in condition for allowance, she is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below in order to expedite allowance of this application.

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